CAUSE AND EFFECT

Cause and effect is a relationship between events or things, where [one is the result of the other](https://www.yourdictionary.com/causality) or others. This is a combination of action and reaction.

Signal words

When we talk about ***cause***, we use the following signal words:

* Because
* The reason for
* On account of
* Bring about
* Give rise to
* Created by
* Contributed to
* Led to
* Due to
* For this reason
* Unless

Signal words

When we talk about ***an effect*** resulting from a certain cause, we use the following signal words:

* As a result
* Then
* Hence
* For this reason
* Therefore
* Outcome
* So
* Consequently
* Finally
* Therefore
* In order to

Examples of Cause and Effect

* We received seven inches of rain in four hours. - The underpass was flooded.
* I never brush my teeth. - I have 5 cavities.
* Smoking cigarettes - Lung cancer
* Many buffalo were killed. - Buffalo almost became extinct.
* The streets were snow-packed and icy. - Cars needed more time to stop.
* He broke his arm. - The doctor put it in a cast.
* The boss was busy. - Her secretary took a message.
* A basketball player was traveling. - The referee called a penalty.
* I flipped the light switch on. - The light came on.
* An oil spill - Many deaths to wildlife
* Sedentary lifestyle - Childhood obesity

Cause and Effect Examples in Sentences

* When water is heated, the molecules move quickly, *therefore* the water boils.
* A tornado blew the roof off the house, and *as a result*, the family had to find another place to live.
* *Because* the alarm was not set, we were late for work.
* The moon has gravitational pull, *consequently* the oceans have tides.
* *Since* school was canceled, we went to the mall.
* John made a rude comment, *so* Elise hit him.
* *When* the ocean is extremely polluted, coral reefs die.
* The meal we ordered was cheaper than expected, *so* we ordered dessert.
* *Since* helium rises, a helium balloon floats.
* There has been an increase in greenhouse gases, *therefore* global warming is happening.
* Betty completed each task perfectly, *therefore* she was promoted.
* Some believe dinosaurs died out *because* a large meteor hit the earth.
* I had to get the mop *since* I spilled my juice.
* Tsunamis happen *when* tectonic plates shift.
* Fred was driving 75 in a 35 mile zone, *therefore* he got a speeding ticket.
* *Because of* changes in classifications, Pluto is no longer a planet.
* Maria didn't follow the recipe correctly, *so* the cake did not come out as expected.
* The weather forecast called for rain, *so* he took his umbrella.
* *Because of* a price increase, sales are down.
* Water is formed *when* two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom combine.
* The baby was crying, *so* Dad picked him up.
* I learned to play the drums quickly *because* I took lessons from a pro.
* The batter couldn't hit the softball *because* he didn't keep his eyes on the ball.
* *When* the manuscript is edited, the company will publish it.
* *Because* the cat was frightened, he arched his back and fluffed his tail.
* A peacock will spread his feathers *so* he will attract a female.
* *Since* the electricity went out for most of the day, the ice cream in the freezer melted.
* *As* the wind speed increases, the sail boat moves faster.
* *When* nuclear fusion stops or starts, a star explodes.
* Wind is produced *when* the surface of the Earth is heated unevenly.
* *Because of* inflation, the dollar is worth less than before.
* *Since* the refrigerator was practically empty, we had to go to the store.

The sentence structure of cause and effect

1. Due to, because of, owing to and thanks to are followed by noun

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| Due to… | + Noun |
| Because of…. |
| Owing to… |
| Thanks to… |

1. Because, since, as, for are followed by verb.

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| --- | --- |
| Because | + Subject + Verb |
| Since |
| As |
| For |